

earnestness and a good will, well worthy of the first flowers of this new institution, similar in this respect, that in their nascent condition act more powerfully than at any other time. May they all persevere, may their number rapidly increase, and may God bless a work undertaken for His sole glory, according to the Benedictine Motto, inscribed on the title page of the INDIAN ADVOCATE: U. I. O. G. D., that God may be glorified in all things.

LOCALS.

—The annual Retreat for the religious of Sacred Heart Abbey began Sunday, Nov. 26th, and closed Sunday, Dec. 3rd.

—Friday, Dec. 8, feast of the Immaculate Conception, Rt. Rev. Bishop Meershaert laid hands in ordination on five of our ecclesiastical students: Fr. Maurus M. Fuerstenberg, O. S. B. and Fr. Timothy A. Murphy, O. S. B. were ordained sub-deacons. Fr. Gregory Gerrero, O. S. B., deacon; RR. FF. Joachim Dougherty, O. S. B., and Ildephonse Elissalde, O. S. B., were raised to the Holy Priesthood. The ceremony took place during Pontifical mass celebrated by His Lordship, in the church of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Purcell, I. T. Despite the inclemency of the weather, which was an incessant rain-fall, a large congregation assembled to witness the ordinations. The Bishop premised the ceremony by a short instruction regarding the office of each ordained, laying particular stress on the sublime dignity of the Priesthood. In his remarks he explained the meaning of the ensuing ceremonies, thus rendering them interesting to the people. Rt. Rev. Felix De Grasse, O. S. B., and several Priests of the Vicariate were present and participated in the ceremonies. The choir, composed solely of young ladies of St. Elizabeth's Convent, furnished very appropriate music throughout. The "Quid Retribuam" was sung with feeling and expression. After Mass the entire congregation advanced to receive the blessing of the newly-ordained Priests. This ceremony was particularly impressive, as it was a betoken of Christian Faith, whereby the people recognized the Sacred character of Christ's Priesthood so lately imparted to the young ecclesiastics. In the evening a